

Code Enforcement Town Hall – 08-04-07 Legislation Update/Action Sheet

Zoning Staff:

- 10 - Field Inspectors
- 2 - Neighborhood Enhancement Team Inspectors
- 1 - Sign Inspector
- 1 - Water Conservation Inspector
- 7 - Counter Inspectors
- 1 - Sign Plan Checker
- 1 - Commercial Plan Checker
- 1 - Residential Plan Checker
- 4 - Counter Inspectors for example business license, Special exceptions, questions

Housing Staff:

- 6 - Field Inspectors

Proposed Legislation

- Biohazard Ordinance
- Text Amendment to the Anti-Weed litter and Snow Ordinance Making Businesses responsible for litter on their property as well as within 200 feet of the property lines.
- Text Amendment to the non-conforming residential building regulations allowing more time to allow the removal of the verbiage “on or before” in the definition of status established Building.

Illegal sign enforcement:

1 sign inspector has:

- Filed over 300 counts against 9 home builders
- Filed over 480 counts against the Albuquerque Record Convention 19 locations 4 each
- Filed over 90 counts against a local night club
- With the assistance of John Dubois City Legal has drafted a nuisance sign agreement which (when):
 - The sign violator admits guilt
 - Pays a \$2000.00 fee
 - Provides the name of a local person to accept criminal summons
 - Pay \$110.00 to attend a sign class provided by Code Enforcement
 - Agree that all future illegal signs will be photographed/ removed and a bill for \$400.00 will be sent to the sign owner
 - Then we dismiss the criminal charges

New Ideas for better service:

Current System

- Create consistency of penalties
- Make penalties mandatory so that judges have to impose penalties on convictions
- Allow judges to consolidate penalties on charges, but not eliminate them

Proposed System

- Change from Criminal Code to Civil Code
- Provides a hearing officer instead of a Judge
- Hearing officer hears all cases so you don't have to worry about DWI
- All civil penalties go into the City of Albuquerque general fund and not the State fund.

New Ideas From Residents:

- City departments not being able to locate files.
- NEW KIVA SYSTEM track all actions taken on the property by owner or city agency.
- Lack of communication between City Departments
- CNAU good example of communication all depts. Together
- Listing all of the information on substandard signs trespassing, legal section numbers, options citation/ arrest, all there to simplify the job.